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MEMORANDUM

TO: School Superintendents, Principals, Science Curriculum Supervisors, Science Department Heads and Science Teachers

FROM: Jennifer Hicks, Science Curriculum Specialist

DATE: November 9, 2009

SUBJECT: Deadline extended for public review of revised Science Standards

We have extended the deadline for public comment on the draft of the revised Academic Standards for Science. We encourage all interested parties to visit the link below and provide public comment on the posted document by November 24, 2009.

The proposed revisions of *Indiana's Academic Standards for Science* are available at <http://mustang.doe.state.in.us/dg/standards/welcome.cfm>.

To ensure that Indiana continues to have academic standards that are among the best in the country, the Department is charged with reviewing and updating the standards on a six-year cycle reflecting the best recommendations of national organizations and current research in the field. As part of this process the draft standards will be posted online at the Department's Online Evaluation Center until Nov. 24, 2009 to provide an opportunity for additional review and feedback by teachers, administrators, parents, students, members of the business community, and other interested parties. Members of the Roundtable and State Board are also asked to comment as well. Comments and recommendations that are received are integrated into a "final" draft that will be submitted to the Indiana's Education Roundtable and State Board of Education. You will find the draft document on the IDOE website and you may provide your comments and suggestions either on-line or in writing. Thank you in advance for your participation and please remember that you may respond as an individual and as the representative of your school or district in writing (Attention: Jennifer Hicks, Science Curriculum Specialist, 151 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204) or by email to jhicks@doe.in.gov.